



Congratulations to Ron Brooks for his Distinguished Public Service Medal

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Last month, Ronald Brooks was awarded the National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal by Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, which is the highest honor presented to a non-federal employee who has performed eminent acts of service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States Intelligence Community. I would like to echo [Director of National Intelligence Clapper in his praise and appreciation](#) ^[1] for the work of our partner and I offer our warmest congratulations on achieving this honor.

Earlier this month, Ronald Brooks retired from his positions as Director of the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center, Director of the Northern California High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, and Chair of the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council.

As a well respected leader in the law enforcement community, Ron Brooks has played a crucial role in advancing responsible information sharing and interoperability in this country. His leadership helped improve communication and collaboration between law enforcement and other first responders, private sector partners, and the Intelligence Community.

Ron's leadership in bridging information sharing gaps across the local, state, regional, and national levels has made our nation safer. His work on the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council and the National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan have supported whole-of-government responsible information sharing and kept a sustained focus on achieving mission capabilities. Ron has a unique ability to understand and connect with street cops and policy makers at the local, state, regional, and national level, and has been a leader in the development of the National Network of Fusion Centers and the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative ? neighborhood watch for the nation.

I would again like to thank him for his hard work and extraordinary contributions to national security and public safety by advancing responsible information sharing. I would also like to welcome Colonel Keith Squires, Deputy Commissioner of the Utah Department of Public Safety and incoming Chair of the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council. I wish Ron the best as he opens a new chapter in his professional life and look forward to working with Keith to continue our collective work to advance whole of government solutions.

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